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### **CW4 Bruce R. Watts Biography**

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CW4 Bruce R. Watts was born at Fort Lee, Virginia in May, 1955. He grew up as a military dependent living at 17 duty stations. He enlisted in the US Army at Camp Zama, Japan on 12 September 1974 to become a paratrooper with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. Mr. Watts served in a variety of Infantry platoon positions as a junior soldier and NCO from February 1975 to September 1977.

After several years in the US Army Reserve as a Military Policeman, he attended the Special Forces Qualification Course in March 1982. He was graduated from SFQC in September 1982 and was thereafter assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group where he served as a Weapons Sergeant, Special Forces Engineer, and Assistant Operations Sergeant until 1988.

In October 1988, Mr. Watts attended Warrant Officer Candidate School, and subsequently, the Special Forces Warrant Officer Basic Course (at that time, contained within the Special Forces Detachment Officer's Course). Upon completion of the SFWOBC, he was appointed as a Special Operations Technician (WO1) on 29 April 1989.

CW5 Watts served with the 5<sup>th</sup> SFG (A) throughout the US Central Command Area of Responsibility where he participated in the Gulf War in 1991 and Somalia in 1992, as the Detachment Commander of SFODA 546. He continued to serve on the detachment culminating a total of eight years before attending the Degree Completion Program from December 1997 to May 1999.

From 1999 to 2002, CW5 Watts served as the Company Operations Warrant for Company B, 1st Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> SFG(A) and later as the Battalion Operations Warrant Officer for Forward Operations Base (Task Force Dagger) where he participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom I.

Mister Watts assumed command of Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) from 22 September 2003 to 26 August 2005. He returned to 5<sup>th</sup> SFG as the Group Senior Warrant Officer Advisor serving two additional OIF tours.

On 17 November 2008, CW5 Watts became the 3<sup>rd</sup> Command Chief Warrant Officer of the Special Forces Regiment.

Among CW5 Watts' awards and decorations are the Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (OLC). Mr. Watts is a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge (2<sup>nd</sup> award), Expert Infantry Badge, Master Parachute Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Special Forces and Ranger Tabs.

His foreign awards include the Egyptian Commando Badge and Jordanian, Kuwaiti, Bahraini, Qatari, Yemeni, Australian, Egyptian, and German Parachutist's badges.

CW5 Watts holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Management. He is currently engaged to be married to Tammy L. Clift of Albany, Georgia.

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